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**EXAMINING GROUP 2154**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/420,457  
Applicant : Takeshi Yamamoto  
Filed : October 18, 1999  
Title : NETWORK APPARATUS AND NETWORK COMMUNICATION  
METHOD  
  
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Examiner : Gregory L. Clinton  
  
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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated February 26, 2003 (Paper No. 6).

The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on May 26, 2003. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one (1) month, to June 26, 2003. The \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.

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